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The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"That question does not arise. The question has been answered to the effect that the information is called for."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"There is already a rule in the Educational Rules to the effect that the members of the depressed classes should be given half-fee concession. I want to know why they do not allow this concession unasked. There is already a rule laying down that they should be given half-fee concession and that being so, why should the Government wait for requisitions from the pupils?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"I have already stated that the information was called for. The other question does not arise."

Village Panchayats.

Utilization of taxes collected by the Therkupatti Village Panchayat.

* 2393 Q.—Mr. CHAVADI K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total collection of taxes of the Therkupatti Village Panchayat, Tinnevely taluk, up to date;

(b) what improvements have been done out of the taxes so collected since the date of its constitution; and

(c) if no improvements were done, how the funds have been utilized?

A.—(a) The total collection of taxes by the panchayat is Rs. 193.

(b) & (c) The panchayat has purchased books and opened a library. The panchayat proposes to utilize the balance for the construction of an office building, and the matter is under consideration.

Refund of illegal taxes collected by the President of the Village Panchayat of Therkupatti.

* 2394 Q.—Mr. CHAVADI K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to answer (e) of question 1660 answered on 19th March 1926—

(d) whether the illegal taxes collected were refunded and, if so, how much;

(b) if so, when;

(c) how much was collected on sheep and goat estimated as sold by the villagers; and

(d) if the tax or a portion of it has not been refunded, why it has not been so refunded by the President of the Village Panchayat of Therkupatti?

A.—(a), (b) & (d) The refund of the taxes in question is engaging the attention of the Registrar-General of Panchayats.

(c) The amount collected was Rs. 42-7-0.